

# *The Sanguinist*

Voice of CATHOLIC ACTION

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## **YOU've Got a Clean Slate Now**

Yep! It's a New Year—almost a new semester. And time to bring up the old-worn question of resolutions.

Hot-air filled politicians are not the only ones who make pledges, guarantees, promises etc., and then promptly proceed to repudiate them. Hell is packed full of gentle-folk who made weak, watered-down, ineffective resolves!

In fact, if there were a highway leading to Hell, the thing would be paved with immense stone blocks, mortal sins, cleverly concealed in a rich slimey oil, temptations; and most important of all, each and every sign-post showing how to get off the road and onto safety, would be kept in good dilapidated condition. Beelzebub, chief tempter and road commissioner will have no other than broken posts on his highway. Men and women making this trip are just stumbling and drifting aimlessly. They are not supposed to know where they are going. Integral, well-marked, efficient sign-posts, like good resolutions carried out, would give them their direction, they would turn aside and avoid catastrophe.

And Beelzebub would be absolutely insane to want that.

Out of this New Years, like many New Years of the past, have come thousands of weak resolutions. Some of them worry Nick for a while; but most of them not.

Why not change that weak tradition now that you're at St. Joe and striving manfully not only for intellectual prowess, but for will-power as well? And here's a couple of resolves to practice on:

1) frequent use (at least monthly, better weekly, best of all daily) of the Sacraments. You cannot help but be a better fellow when you are constantly the companion of Christ. 2) no more excess drinking or carousing to ruin your life. You'll need every bit of energy you can muster to fight all your real enemies. Better not dissipate it now, foolishly. 3) avoid cheating, stealing, backbiting, swearing, cursing, profanity. You'll feel like an entirely different man without these unnatural appendages to human nature.

Harry and your weaker self will never help you keep these or any other good resolves. They don't like clear-cut signs marking the road of progress in  
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### **WE'RE FOR**

God in all Campus activity.

Frequent Communion and frequent Confession.

Conscience and moral law in Church, on the Campus, on a date, in the court rooms of this nation and all nations.

Rights and DUTIES where they belong.

Plenty of laughs, in the right places, about the right things.

### **WE'RE AGAINST**

Sleepy, sloppy Catholics.

Two sets of morals, one for Sunday, one for weekdays.

Chislers, phonies, stuffed-shirts.

Griping.

Racists and Racketeers (in or out of labor unions.)

Anything that is wrong (to be more fully specified as occasion demands.)

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## We're Sorry--Hope You Are Too

Last month along with each copy of the SANGUINIST went a questionnaire. Over five hundred of these were distributed on the campus. We asked a simple question, one which any man is bound to have an opinion on. The sad fact is, that we received practically no answer. Only twenty-two questionnaires came back answered.

Within a day or two someone in your Hall will be around to investigate. We need those questions answered, and the answers properly evaluated.

In case you've lost or misplaced your copy of the questionnaire, we ask you to take an ordinary piece of paper and write down there your answer to this simple little query: What three qualities do you expect in the girl you marry? Name them in order of importance.

We're sorry we cannot print the results of this poll of student opinion now. We hope to have it in the next edition. Give us the light of your opinion on the subject. Someone will call on you soon to get your written answer.

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## Your Stake In Vocations

The Bishop was preaching at the parish Conference and the class was perhaps too well coached by the good Sisters. When His Excellency crossed everyone up by asking "What is a Saint?" instead of the expected "What is a Sacrament?" he was startled—and the nuns were horrified—to hear the star first-grader respond: "a Saint is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace."

Not a bad answer at that. That definition could also apply to the Priesthood, for a priest is "instituted by God to be a sign pointing out Christ to a world that sorely needs him".

## Needy Priesthood

In some parts of Poland last year people were permitted to give Holy Communion to one another, so scarce are priests in that stricken land. In South America there are parishes of 45,000 souls with only one priest. In our own country 1 out of every 3 counties has no resident priest.

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The silence that accepts merit as the most natural thing in the world is the highest applause.

Emerson

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Be a man of highest morals,  
Be a man of strongest faith;  
Be a man above all mortals,  
Be a man of little hate.

Take to heart the love of Jesus,  
Make the best of life's abuse.  
Take a road of thought and reason,  
Make life's problems less abstruse.

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Many have been ruined by buying good pennyworths.

Proverb

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The fellows who attract "offers" usually have offered to do a lot they were not hired to do.



## On Your Prayer-bones, Men

The Church Unity Octave will be celebrated at St. Joe from January 18th, the feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, to January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. This is an octave, eight days, of solid prayer for the return of the whole human race to the Unity of the Church of Christ.

What Unity is stronger or more important in our days, when all else including, yes, you might just as well face the facts, the United Nations Organization itself, have all but failed.

Originally, this octave of prayer for this intention was begun at Graymoor New York in 1899. It was then that Father Paul James Francis, a clergyman in the Protestant Episcopal Church, founded at Graymoor a community of Anglican friars and nuns following the rule of St. Francis.

The original form of prayer for the Octave has never been changed, for this Anglican community was even then praying for the reunion of all Christians with the Holy and Apostolic See of Saint Peter.

The first tangible results of the Unity Octave was the corporate submission of the entire community of Graymoor to the see of Rome in 1909. By authority of Pius X, it has been since known as the Society of the Atonement, and lives according to the rule of the Third Order of St. Francis, and has for its principal purpose the work for Christian Unity. The same Pope solemnly blessed the Church Unity Octave in December 1909.

A special form of prayer will be made available to all who make the Octave. These prayers will be recited each evening during benediction.

Each day of the Octave the prayers are said for one of the following intentions. From these you can see the magnificence of the purpose for which the Octave was instituted, and the importance of every sincere catholic man taking an active part.

Jan. 18. The return of all the "other sheep" to the One Fold of Peter, the One Shepherd.

Jan. 19. The return of all Oriental Separatists to Communion with the Apostolic See.

Jan. 20. The Submission of Anglicans to the Authority of the Vicar of Christ.

Jan. 21. That the Lutherans and all other Protestants of Continental Europe may find their way "Back to Holy Church."

Jan. 22. That Christians in America may become one in communion with the Chair of St. Peter.

Jan. 23. The return to the Sacraments of all lapsed Catholics.

Jan. 24. The Conversion of the Jews.

Jan. 25. The missionary conquest of the world for Christ.





# Catholic Action Universal

Everyone is called to Catholic Action. Catholic Action must now, in a very special and personal sense, be considered a part of every Christian life.

The call is universal in the dual sense of extending to all places and institutions, and incumbent as a duty upon all Christians.

Concerning this Pope Pius has said:

1. "Catholic Action has no limits of times and places; we can say of it—Always and Everywhere."
2. "Today it is essential that all should be apostles that is why the laity are bound to answer the call of the Church."
3. "The Apostles of Catholic Action obliges priests as well as laity though each in a different way."

## How to Make A Convert

If you want your head knocked off, go to Russia and try to live a vigorous Catholic life. Religion hasn't a chance under the soviet regime. Yet one day Russia will be Catholic. We have the solemn word of our Blessed Mother for that. When Our Lady appeared to the three little children in Fatima, she said: "If my requests are heard Russia will be converted and there will be peace." The request of the Mother of God is that we pray to her Immaculate Heart.

The sword has never made a convert, nor has argument, no matter how compelling. Only the grace of God. Argument, good example, good literature—these pave the way. But it's pray that finally moves God to give one the light of Faith. So if you want your girl, or your father or mother to become a Catholic (and you should want it), then you must do more than hope. You must pray.

A crusade of prayer for conversions starts on Saturday, January 18 throughout the United States. Join those who are making the Church Unity Octave, that is spending eight days in prayer for those outside the True Faith. From January 18 to 25 be sure you perform

some act of devotion, like Mass or Communion, and the rosary for the conversion of someone.

There aren't more conversions because there aren't enough Catholics on their knees.

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this life or the next.

And one resolution to fix all resolutions should be this: remember no man is so perfect a man that he can make a turn for the better and then never slip back a little. Characters privileged in the sight of God sometimes do that; but for the ordinary run or us poor mortals it's a case of trial by fire and sword, of success, for a time, then failure. So the most important resolutions of all, is to try over and over, no matter what the preliminary failures are.

If you break a resolution, try all over again. And keep on trying over again as often as you break down. Sooner or later you'll have to win out over weakness.

You cannot beat persistence in any line.

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